(d) if not, whether there is any move on the part of Government to adopt any methodology for the protection of elderly persons on the lines of Chinese law; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Ministry of Welfare's Schemes of assistance to Voluntary Organizations for Programmes relating to the welfare of the Aged provides for grant in aid to Non-Governmental Organisations for establishing and maintaining Old Age Homes, Day Care Centres and Mobile Medicare Units for the Elderly.

The Ministry of Rural Areas and Employment's National Old Age Pension Scheme provides for a monthly pension of Rs.75/- per month to the eligible persons of the age of 65 years and above.

The Ministry of Railways grants 25% concession in 2nd Class and Sleeper Class Mail/Express fares to the Senior Citizens of the age of 65 years and above.

Indian Airlines provides 50% air discount on fares to the aged persons of the age of 65 years and above under its Senior Citizens Discount Scheme.

(c) The provision of measures for the welfare of different sections of the society including the elderly is an ongoing process based upon the Government's perception of the needs and availability of resources.

(d) and (e). A similar provision already exists in the Code of Criminal Procedure [Section 125 (1) (d)] which makes it incumbent for a person having sufficient means to maintain his father or mother who is unable to maintain himself or herself.

Prices of Drugs

3572. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) the date on which the prices of formulations based on Mefanamic Acid, Trimipramines, Diosmine, chlorphomazine, Lincomycicon Becampicillin, Framycin and Captopril were fixed;

(b) the present prices thereof and the reasons for not taking any action against the offending companies;

(c) whether the Government have not taken any action on the representations against wrong inclusion of the drugs under the price control; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) and (b). The dates on which prices of the formulations were fixed is given in the Statement. The present prices are also indicated therein. Action has been initiated against the offending companies.

(c) and (d). Representations against inclusion of 19 bulk drugs under prices control were received which covered a wide range of issues and require detailed examination. The final decision is likely to be announced shortly.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Name of the Formulation/ pack Size	Strength	Initial Price fixed by the Govt. and date	Latest Price fixed by the Govt. with date	Company Prices as per "Drug Today"	Remarks
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	*Mefanamic Acid*					The matter is subjudice. Price approval orders not issued.
2.	*Trimipramine*					
(i)	Surmontil 10's St.	10Mg Tabs.	5.43 (18.8.92)	5.43 (18.8.92)	5.52	With Curent rate of ED the approved price works out to Rs.5.58. There is no overcharging.
(ii)	Surmontil 10'st.	25mg Tabs.	10.92 (18.8.92)	10.92 (18.8.92)	11.18	With the latest rate of ED the approved price works out to Rs.11.22 hence there is no overcharging.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
3.	*Diosmine*					
	(i) Diosmine 10's AL/ST	150 mg Tabs.	20.18 (12.7.95)	14.42 (27.12.95)	-	Helios Rs. 54.00 Serdia Rs. 64.00 Elder Rs. 41.00 Martin Rs. 53.70 Herris (overcharging in all cases)
	(ii) Diosmine 10's AL/ST	300mg Tabs.	39.10 (12.7.95)	27.62 (27.12.95)	-	Helios Rs. 94.00 Elder Rs. 79.50 Martin Rs.106.25 & Harris (Overcharging in all cases)
	(iii) Diosmine 10's AL/ST	450mg Tabs.	60.06 (12.7.95)	42.58 (27.12.95)	-	There are no formulators of this strength.
	(iv) Diosmine 10's AL/BLS	150mg Tabs.	14.12 (27.12.95)	14.12 (27.12.95)	-	These are alternatives alternatives prices for Blistr type of packing for item No.1,2, and 3 move.
	(v) Diosmine 10's AL/BLS	300mg Tabs.	27.32 (27.12.95)	27.32 (27.12.95)		
	(vi) Diosmine 10's AL/BLS	450mg Tabs.	42.28 (27.12.95)	42.28 (27.12.95)		
4.	*Chlorphomazine*					
	(i) -					The price approval order are under issue.
5.	*Lincomycin*					
	(i) Lincomycin 2ml Amp. 2ml Amp.	300mg/ml	9.14 (12.7.95)	15.86 (3.6.96)	-	Max. Rs. 34.00 Wallace Rs. 10.09
	(ii) Lincomycin 1ml Amp.	300mg/ml	5.20 (12 7.95)	8.16 (3.6.96)	-	Wallace Rs. 5.73
	(iii) Lincomycin 6's AL/ST. CAP	500mg/cap.	43.72 (13.3.96)	48.34 (3.6.96)	-	Max Rs. 72.00
	(iv) Lincomycin 10's CAP. AL/ST	500mg/Cap.	72.20 (29.3.96)		-	Wallace Rs. 63.00
	(v) Lincomycin 3xC's CAP. AL/ST	500,mg/Cap.	218.56 (27.12.95)	241.62 (3.6.96)	-	-
	(vi) Lincomycin 5x6's HCL Al/BIS	500mg/Cap.	217.00 (27.12.96)	240.06 (3.6.96)	-	-
	(vii) Lincomycin CAPs. 6's AL/BLS	500mg Caps.	43.40 (13.3.96)	48.02 (3.6.96)	-	Alternative working for Item No.3 above.
	(viii) Lincomycin Inj. 10x2's ml/Amp.	300mg/ml	150.64 (3.6.96)	150.64 (3.6.96)	-	This pack is not being marketed.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6.	*Captopril*					
(i)	Captopril IO's Strip	25mg Tabs.	8.11 (3.9.96)	8.11 (3.9.96)	-	Woekhardt Rs. 33.35 Torrent Rs. 29.50 Lupin Rs. 32.83
(ii)	Captopril	50mg Tablets.	15.32 (3.9.96)	15.32 (3.9.96)	-	Woekhardt Rs. 45.00 Torrent Rs. 48.50 Lupin Rs. 25.81
(iii)	Captopril 10's Strip	40mg Tabs.	8.54 (3.9.96)	8.54 (3.9.96)	-	Wockhardt Rs. 24.13 Torrent Rs. 41.00
7.	*Framycetin Sulphate*					
(i)	Framycatin Sulphate Eye/Drops 5ml Vial	5mg/ml	6.02 (6.11.95)	6.76 (24.4.96)	6.70	
(ii)	Soframycin Skin Cream 20 gm tube	20gm	prices were originally fixed under DPCC, 1987 itself.	12.57 (24.4.96)	12.34	
(iii)	Soframycin Skin Cream 100 gm Tube.	100gm		48.63 (24.4.96)		
(iv)	Procteasedlyl uint. 10gm tube.	10 gm		24.86 (24.4.96)		
(v)	Sofradex F Cream 15gm tube	15gm		16.34 (24.4.96)	15.46	
(vi)	Sofracort E/E Drops 3ml vial	3ml/vial		10.37 (24.4.96)	10.11	
(vii)	Framycetin Powder 15gm Bott.	15gm		11.12 (24.4.96)		
8.	*Becampicillin*					
(i)	Becampicillin 200mg Tablets. 2's AL/ST.	20mg/Tab.	5.82 (2.8.95)	5.82 (2.8.95)	-	This pack is not marketed
(ii)	Becampicillin 200mg Caps. 4's Al/ST.	200mg/Cap.	11.16 (2.8.95)	11.16 (2.8.95)	-	This pack is not being marketed.
(iii)	Bacampicillin 400mg Tabs 2's Al/ST.	400mg/Tab.	10.62 (2.8.95)	10.62 (2.8.95)	-	-do-
(iv)	Becampicillin 400mg Tabs. 4's AL/ST.	400mg/Tab.	20.76 (2.8.95)	20.76 (2.8.95)	-	-do-
(v)	Penglobe 400mg Tabs. 6's AL/ST.	400mg/Tab.	39.82 (5.12.95)	39.82 (5.12.95)	-	ASTRA IDL Rs. 49.50
(vi)	Penglobe 400mg Tabs. 6's AL/PVC	400mg/Tab.	39.62 (5.12.95)	39.62 (5.12.95)	-	Alternative price for the above.
(vii)	Penglobe 200mg Tabs.6's Al/ST.	200mg/Tab.	20.25 (5.12.95)	20.25 (5.12.95)	-	ASTRA IDL Rs. 25.00
(viii)	Penglobe 200mg Tabs. 6's Al/PVC/ Blister	200mg/Tab.	20.05 (5.12.95)	20.05 (5.12.95)	-	Alternative price for the above.